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1. FOLLOWING ARE TWO CABLES RECEIVED BY OFFICE FOR FAO AFFAIRS
RELATING TO THE FAO'S EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.

QUOTE. CROP REPORT NO. 44- UPPER VOLTA. FURTHER SPECIAL
CROP REPORT NUMBER 37, 1 MARCH 1977, FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RECEIVED: ON 21 MARCH MINISTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT INFORMED
PRINCIPAL DONORS THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNABLE TO ENSURE ADEQUATE
FOOD SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY UNTIL OCTOBER 1977 HARVEST.
FOODGRAIN SHORTFALL ESTIMATED BY GOVERNMENT AT 70.300 TONS.
FTER DEDUCTION OF AVIALABLE STOCKS REMAINING DEFICIT 55.000 TONS.
GOVERNMENT ASKED AID OF MAJOR DONORS TO FILL GAP. PRICES HAVE
ALREADY RISEN MORE THAN SEASONABLY. GOVERNMENT'S FIXED CONSUMER
PRICE FOR MILLET AND SORGHUM IS 35 CFA FRANKCS PER KILO. FREE
MARKET SORGHUM PRICES RANGE FROM 40 TO 66 CFA FRANNCS PER KILO.
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON SIZE OF PRIVATE GRAIN STOCKS. AREAS
MOSTLY AFFECTED BY FOOD SHORTAGES ARE YATENGA SAHEL FADA
AND BOUGOURIBA. URGENT ACTION REQUIRED SINCE ANY AID SUPPLIES
WOULD HAVE TO REACH DEFICIT AREAS BEFORE ONSET OF RAINY SEASON
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IN EARLY JUNE. NO FAO/WFP EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED
SO FAR. SIGNED BINDER END QUOTE.

2. QUOTE. CROP REPORT NO. 45- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. SEVERE
DROUGHT AFFECTS CROP IN NORTH -EASTERN CENTRAL AND SOUTH-
EASTERN PROVINCES. GROWTH OF MAIZE CROP RETARDED IN CENTRAL
CANAO LA VEGA AND SANTIAGO PROVINCES. IN NORTH-EASTER AND CENTRAL

PROVINCES ONLY 25 TO 40 PERCENT OF RICE AREA HAS BEEN SOWN.
PASTURE CONDITIONS IN EASTERN AND NORTH-EASTERN REGIONS ARE EXTREMELY
POOR. THE NORTH-EAST REGION WHERE EVEN POTABLE WATER IS SCANTY
HAS BEEN DECLARED A DISASTER ZONE. NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL
OFFICE EXPECTS NO SUBSTANTIAL RAINFALL BEFORE MAY. OFFICIAL
ESTIMATES ON EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO CEREAL CROPS NOT YET AVAILABLE
BUT OUTPUT EXPECTED TO DECLINE SHARPLY. SIGNED BINDER END QUOTE.
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